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1. The following shipments were observed between 26 and 28 March: 18 rail shipments from Perleberg, Parchim and Ludwigslust to Fuerstenberg, Gransee, Rheinsberg and Lindow; four shipments from Altengrabow, three from Schwerin, and one each from Guestrow, Neubukow and Rostock to the same area.¹
2. On 22 March, Unit Bragin left the Artillerie Kaserne (Number 5341 in USAREUR Installations List) in Perleberg and proceeded by road towards Pritzwalk. The unit returned to its station during the night of 31 March. On 23 and 24 March, an anti-aircraft unit and a mortar unit entrained at the Perleberg railroad station.¹
3. On 28 and 29 March, 15 troop trains were dispatched from Paulinenau and Friesack. Eight of them were bound for Eberswalde, four for Bad Freienwalde, two for Berlin-Kaulsdorf and one for Bernau.²
4. On 29 March, five trains were loaded in Halle and three in Merseburg. In the evening of 29 March and on 30 March, troops assembled northeast and southwest of Naumburg and, on 1 April, started moving in a southwesterly direction. Individual motor vehicles of the 21st Guards Mechanized Division and army troops were observed. The Naumburg barracks remained occupied during this period.³

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1. Comment: The information indicates that major elements of the 18th Mechanized Division, with corps troops from Schwerin and elements of the 4th Artillery Corps from Altengrabow and Rostock, conducted exercises, presumably in the same area as the 94th Guards Motorized Rifle Division, from 28 to 31 March.

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2. Comment: The shipments listed above have been confirmed. Units of the 6th Guards Mechanized Division were returning from their exercises which had started in the Mirow area after 23 March. The troops from 25X1A Bernau presumably returned to their station by road.

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3. [redacted] Comment: Units of the 21st Guards Mechanized Division, reinforced by army troops and elements of the 76th Artillery Brigade from Merseburg, probably engaged in exercises in this area.

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